The Robert Hartley Pond Trail turns left back into the woods and at about 200 yards, splits and forms a loop along the southern border of the property. Stay to the views of a small pond will be on the right and then up a steep hill. At this point, the trail turns right to return to the Town Campus. A left return to the Town Campus. A left turn exits to Duck Hole Road.

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The Barn Trail heads south along a wide path lined by white pines. At the end of the straightaway, the trail turns right up a hill. The trail then passes the Art Barn Building and follows alongside a paved walkway toward the Gymnasium and then passes behind the building. The Barn is home to the Wilbur W. Pardee Youth Center which offers after school activities. The trail turns south along the forest edge and along tennis courts.

The trail to the Left takes you to the River Walk Loop Trail that travels along the Hammonassett River through deciduous forest. The Loop Trail includes a canoe launch area. The trail crosses wetlands with a small footbridge. From the bridge, the trail heads down a hill along the river to a flat area where two picnic tables are flat area where two picnic tables are located.

Combined, the trails are approximately 2 miles in length. One of trails is named after Robert Hartley, an adjacent property owner and a science teacher, who worked with the School to start a walking trail system on the site in the 1970s & 80s. That trail system was the start of the Town Campus system that exists there today.

The Town Campus property consists of 56 acres along the western banks of the Hammonassett River. The Town of Madison acquired the property in 1992 from the private the town administrative offices to the site. The three trails comprising the Town Campus trail system are located behind the lower Town Campus trail system are

Directions and Parking:

The Town Campus property is located on Duck Hole Road, 1/2 mile north of Exit 62 off I-95. Upon entering the facility, follow the driveway to the left around the main building. Parking and the trailhead are located at the end of the driveway.

Permitted Activities:

The trails areas include interpretive signage, benches, a canoe launch, and picnic tables. No mechanized vehicles are permitted. No camping, no open fires, and no alcohol is permitted. Dogs on leash are permitted.

For more information about this location, contact:

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